

Interview with Superior Gubernatorial Candidate Kevie Mason - 14 June 2022 - 7:00 PM - Lauren Thorken, Editor-At-Large for Superior Journal . Chicago, Superior.

Lauren Thorken: Dr. Mason! So nice to see you again.

KevieMason: Lauren, you know better than that. It's Kevy (laughs).

Lauren Thorken: Okay, Kevie. How have you been? It's safe to say that your candidacy shocked us all.

KevieMason: I've been well, thanks for asking! I know that this may come as a shock to some, a first-term Congresswoman running against an establishment Democrat in the primary. Well, here's the thing Lauren, I'm not running against any Democrat. I'm running for the people of Superior and their vision of what responsible government should look like.

Lauren Thorken: You keep mentioning responsible government. What does that mean to you?

KevieMason: Responsible government to the people of Superior, including myself, means putting their welfare first. This state has been engaged in a neverending tit-for-tat between insider politicians who can't seem to agree on which coffers to drain first. We understand that money needs to be spent in order to fund the operation of our state, but Republicans have been hell-bent on bringing us to our knees. It's time that the Federal Government's occupation of Western Superior comes to an end and that its resources returned to their rightful owners. The President of the United States could alleviate poverty for millions, yet he chooses to sit by and do nothing. His recent budget is an affront to human decency. These are the kinds of things Superians are concerned with, not whether or not cryptocurrency is legalized or not, especially since the majority of Superians don't use it.

Lauren Thorken: Do you think that Abortion Rights should be codified into law by Congress?

KevieMason: Of course. As the former President of Planned Parenthood and a licensed OB-GYN, I've seen first-hand the essential nature of comprehensive reproductive healthcare. Abortions, surgical and chemical, should be safe and legal nationwide. I look forward to voting in favor of any bills proposed in the House to achieve this and if elected Governor, will be one of my top priorities for my administration.

Lauren Thorken: How do you think the President has done when it comes to addressing issues of national security?

KevieMason: The President has demonstrated a number of failed policy positions when it comes to foreign relations. Just look at the Memo .009 addressing threats to American troops in Turkey. The President offered little more than thoughts and prayers. If I'm incorrect on this matter, I strongly encourage the President to declassify the report. The culture of silence this President has created around matters of national security is nothing more than an attempt to avoid accountability for his failed policies and lackluster ability to lead.

Speaking of ability to lead, what makes you the right choice to lead Superior?

KevieMason: Great question! I believe I'm the best person to lead Superior because I've been serving it my entire life from spending evenings with my mother, a union representative, at organizing events or by serving in the legislature. I've continued my service as the Secretary of Health, Education & Labor, Attorney General, President of Planned Parenthood and now as a Congresswoman. I have always put families first. I believe that the lives of Superians matter and that they deserve the ability to thrive in every way possible. That's why today I submitted the Stabilize Social Security Act. This legislation would amend the structure and function of the Social Security Administration and ensure its stability for generations to come. These kinds of issues may seem boring to some in this Primary but I believe it's legislation like this that truly matters. This bill would also create a government matched retirement plan for all applicable individuals, with no annual contribution limits. Parents can even open them for their children at birth. Not every person in this state has the luxury of being a progressive Senator with a sizable government pension, ya know.

Lauren Thorken: Careful, Kevie, some might say you're picking a fight (laughter).

KevieMason: I know, I know. Seriously, I implore the folks in my party to consider voting with their conscience this time around. We can nominate the same old, same old or we can listen to the voters of this state and finally deliver on a promise. Nominating me would be a step in the right direction and electing me as Governor would not only build trust in government again but trust in the future, too.

Lauren Thorken: Thank you so much, Kevie. A fun question before we go, if you don't mind.

KevieMason: Sure!

Lauren Thorken: Favorite on-the-campaign trail food?

KevieMason: Grilled Cheese, hands down.